STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SWIC) EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)

June 13, 2013 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Indiana Government Center South Conference Room 130 Indianapolis, IN

Present: Dan Clark, Sandy Hartz, Leroy Jackson, Rebecca Nickoli, Derek Redelman

Conference Call: --

Absent: Dennis Rohrs, Tim Skinner

Also present from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Marie Mackintosh, Chris Deaton, Brenda Johnson, Anna Deputy and Donna Lovelady.

At 8:38 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dan Clark.

High School Equivalency Assessment (HSEA) RFP Update

Marie Mackintosh informed the committee that the RFP (Request for Proposals) went out on May 24th. The next step in the process is vendor presentations on July 15th and 16th, in the Government Center South conference room 1. August 16th is the target date to announce which vendor will provide the assessment.

Discussion of College and Career Readiness (CCR)

Comments and questions: How do the CCR standards align with current state and Common Core standards? This committee will determine cut scores on the high school equivalency assessment. Those present discussed current GED scoring and other states' plans for their HSEA.

(A quorum being present, Dan Clark called for approval for the past meeting minutes. Leroy Jackson moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Rebecca Nickoli. All approved and the motion was carried.)

Review and Approval of PY2013 CTE Postsecondary Grants

Chris Deaton led the discussion on the CTE Postsecondary Grants. Agriculture was added to the roster of Career Clusters (handout is available with a list of all Career Clusters and their programs). Mr. Deaton also presented the postsecondary institutions and allocations recommended for approval for grant period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, (handout is available with complete listing). Leroy Jackson moved to accept staff recommendations; Sandy Hartz seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

Review and Approval of PY2013 Adult Education and EL/Civics Grants

Ms. Mackintosh commented that the Adult Education (AE) grant applications have been fairly strong. The reviewers provided feedback to the applicants to revise and re-submit portions of the initial application. EL/Civics (EL/C) has one grant per region, with only one region having more than a single applicant. The funding formulas for both Adult Education and EL/Civics were presented to the committee. (Handouts are available with this information.) Rebecca Nickoli moved that the staff recommendations for AE and EL/C grants be accepted; Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

Review and Approval of WorkINdiana Grants

DWD staff reported that the WorkINdiana policy (draft is available) is being completed for distribution to grantees. Brenda Johnson stated that, going forward, the ERC will be involved in removing certifications from the WorkINdiana system.

The committee discussed the terminology in the policy. It was suggested that we use "credential" instead of certification, pathway, license, etc. Other questions/comments that were raised: How often would review for approval or denial come up? How would the ERC impact or improve this process?

It was determined that:

- The ERC will either approve or deny certifications that DWD staff recommends denying.
- DWD staff will report all approvals to the ERC.
- Allowance will be made for "conditional certifications" between committee meetings to avoid delay in providing services.
- Providers will be informed that applications will be submitted to the ERC for review.

Derek Redelman, referring to the WorkINdiana Stats by Region, asked why only 1.91% of the 25,282 Adult Education students are enrolled in WorkINdiana. Ms. Mackintosh answered that WorkINdiana is a growing program, and eligibility for WorkINdiana is more restrictive than for Adult Education.

After reviewing the PY13-14 Allocations for WorkINdiana (handout is available) Derek Redelman moved that the allocations be approved; Rebecca Nickoli seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

It was announced that the WorkINdiana Summit will be held on August 16, 2013, and all are invited.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.